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SUBJ: FY 73 SELF- HELP FUNDS

MBABANE FOR OSARAC

1. EXCEPT FOR \$88.49 ENTIRE THIRD TRANCHE \$25,000
(STATE 3506) OBLIGATED. SELF- HELP PIPELINE HAS BEEN
EXCEPTIONALLY ACTIVE, HOWEVER, WITH RESULT EMBASSY NOW
HAS ON HAND 84 GOM- APPROVED, COSTED AND WORTHWHILE
PROJECTS VALUED AT \$150,750.
2. AS WITH PREVIOUS TRANCHES, SELF- HELP PROJECTS
ARE PRODUCT OF SMOOTHLY- FUNCTIONING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE APPARATUS WHICH WITH SCREENING ASSISTANCE GOM
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION SELECTS TOP PRIORITY, VIABLE PROJECTS
FOR PRESENTATION TO EXTERNAL DONORS. EFFECTIVENESS OF
DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES IN TURN HAS BEEN DUE TO
PROVISION STEADY SUPPLY OF WHEREWITHAL FROM EXTERNAL DONORS
SUCH AS CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE, US, AND OTHERS.
COMMUNICABILITY OF SELF- HELP CONCEPT HAS BEEN MUCH IN EVIDENCE
DURING RECENTLY CONCLUDED YOUTH WEEK WITH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
STUDENTS AND MALAWI YOUNG PIONEERS ALL OVER MALAWI UNDERTAKING
LOCAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WITH ASSISTANCE OF SMALL AMOUNTS
GOM LOCALLY PROVIDED FUNDS.
3. IN ATMOSPHERE OF KEEN AND GROWING GOM AND LOCAL INTEREST
IN SELF HELP, WE HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO SUGGEST DIMINUTION
IN OUR TRADITIONAL WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ANY PROPERLY
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PRESENTED PROJECT. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT JUNCTURE WE HAVE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THAT PIPELINE IS OVERFLOWING WITH ALL BUCKETS ALREADY FULL, AND ACCORDINGLY HAVE NOTIFIED OFFICE OF PRED GUERRILLAS.

3. FROLIZI THREAT FOLLOWS MARCH 17 CAPE TIMES REPORT OF SIMILAR THREAT TO EXECUTE CAPTURED RHODESIANS BY ZANU SPOKESMAN IN DAR ES SALAAM. ZANU STATEMENT ARGUED THAT RHODESIAN SOLDIER WHOSE DEATH RESULTED IN MURDER CHARGES AGAINST THREE GUERRILLAS (REF B), DIED IN ACTION AND THUS " FREEDOM FIGHTERS" SHOULD BE TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR AND NOT COMMON CRIMINALS. ZANU ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE STATED OAU AND UN SHOULD SEEK AMENDMENTS TO GENEVA CONVENTION TO ENSURE CAPTURED GUERRILLAS TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR. (COMMENT: FROLIZI AND ZANU STATEMENTS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO USDEL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- SEE REFTEL C.)

4. ACCORDING TO ARTICLES IN CAPE TIMES THIS WEEK, ONE RHODESIAN RESERVIST KILLED AND ONE CRITICALLY WOUNDED BY GUERRILLAS WHILE ON GUARD DUTY APRIL 4 IN CENTENARY VALLEY. DECEASED'S FARM NEAR STORE RAIDED BY GUERRILLAS APRIL 3 . ANOTHER STORE ATTACKED SAME NIGHT IN KANDEYA TRIBAL TRUST LAND 20 KM NORTH OF MOUNT DARWIN. OF FOUR GUERRILLAS BELIEVED INVOLVED IN KILLING WEDZA FARMER MARCH 30, ONE REPORTED KILLED AND ONE CAPTURED AFTER THREE DAYS OF INTENSIVE SECURITY SWEEPS.

5. COMMENT: RECENT SPREAD OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY COULD BE PUTTING SERIOUS STRAIN ON CAPABILITIES OF RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION REPORTS FROM BULAWAYO THAT RETIRING CHIEF OF RHODESIAN AIR FORCE, AIR MARSHAL WILSON, HAS SAID TERRORISM WOULD PROBABLY GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER.
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